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I think the proposed settlement is a bad idea.

Microsoft has been unfairly tilting the market to their own advantage for countless years. We need to make sure that we level the field.

Additionally, if taxpayer's funds are helping to support code development and research, then the source code should be made freely available to all citizens (and possibly others as well).

Freely available source code will allow the community of American programmers to truly progress, instead of having multiple groups churning away redundant code. It would also allow for a peer-review process which is currently sorely lacking.

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